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Title: **BED SIDERAILS HAVING
FLEXIBLE PORTIONS**

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This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/815,698, filed March 23, 2001 for BED SIDERAILS HAVING FLEXIBLE PORTIONS

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a Divisional patent application.
2. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney:
 - ☐ is being filed with this application.
 - ☒ was filed in the prior application, and a copy is enclosed herewith.
3. ☐ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.
4. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
	NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.16(a))				\$750	\$750
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	30	- 20 =	10	\$18	\$180
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	4	- 3 =	1	\$84	\$84
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))				\$280	
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5. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1014 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.

6. ☐ Request for _____ Month extension of time in Application No. _____
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7. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed to cover the extension of time.
8. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application.
10. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a ☐ continuation ☐ division of application Serial No. _____ filed _____.
11. ☒ The original application was assigned from the inventors to Hill-Rom Services, Inc.
12. ☐ An assignment of the invention is enclosed herewith.
13. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the recordation fee for the assignment is enclosed.
14. ☐ Request For Non-Publication and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(1)
15. ☒ An Associate Power of Attorney form is enclosed.
16. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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17. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
18. ☒ A PTO Form 1449 is enclosed.
19. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during prosecution of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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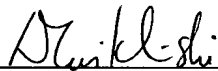
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